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KOBAYASHI et al
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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Actions mailed 09/13/2002 and the duplicate thereof correctly re-addressed to the undersigned dated 10/09/2002, applicant thanks the Examiner for finding that a number of patentably distinct species have been claimed (i.e., that no one of these species is "obvious" in view of any of the others taken singly or collectively under 35 U.S.C. §103). In response to this favorable holding of patentable distinctness, the applicant hereby provisionally elects the patentably distinct species of Figures 7, 8 and 10 on which at least claims 1-8 read.

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An early and favorable allowance of at least these claims is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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